

The Hongkong Telegraph.

WEATHER FORECAST
SHOWERY.
Barometer 30.14

March 27th, 1913, Temperature a.m. 57, p.m. 63; Humidity...40, 30.

March 27th, 1912, Temperature a.m. 62, p.m. 66; Humidity...81, 60.

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TAURSDAY,

MARCH 27, 1913.

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AFTER THE TORNADO.

TERRIBLE TALES OF FLOODS, FAMINE AND FIRES.

TOTAL DEATH-ROLL SAID TO BE 6,000 AT LEAST.

[Reuter's Service To The "Telegraph."]

London, March 26.
The tornado has caused enormous damage in the United States, principally at Omaha.

A message from Springfield, Ohio, to-day, states that a dam burst at Piqua, and it is reported that 540 people were drowned in 13 ft. of water.

There are rumours that at Dayton 5,000 perished and 30,000 were rendered homeless.

Terrible Floods.

Later.
Reuter's correspondent at New York states that the telephones are bringing details of the floods. It is already reported that two hundred thousand people are homeless in Indiana.

The most terrible news is that from Dayton where there is a seething river of one and a half miles on each side of the City's main thoroughfare. A school of four hundred children is entirely submerged.

The horror of the situation is heightened by the outbreak of fires of which a dozen can be seen blazing.

The fire brigades were unable to reach the occupants, who faced death by either fire or water.

Hundreds of houses have been washed away with helpless people.

It is reported that St. Elizabeth Hospital with six hundred patients has been wrecked.

The people are without either gas or electricity and are faced with famine, and there is no drinking water.

The rescuers say that the estimate of five thousand dead is not exaggerated, and even stronger buildings are collapsing. The flood reached its height at midnight and is now slowly subsiding. Later the wind veered, causing further fires.

Hundreds Die.

The latest dispatches from Indianapolis state that the catastrophe is due to the breaking of the Wabash levee (dam) and hundreds are dead.

At Delaware seventy-five are dead, while among the flooded cities are Fort Wayne, Lafayette, Richmond, Kokomo and Logan Spit. Their total fatalities number fifteen.

Collapse of Reservoir.

Reuter's correspondent Chicago states that there has been a collapse of the reservoir at Hamilton, Ohio, and that one thousand persons have been drowned.

THE BALKAN WAR.

ADRIANOPLE FALLS.

London, March 26.
Reuter's correspondent at Sofia announces from a well-informed source that the Bulgarian cavalry has entered Adrianople.

Reuter's correspondent at Sofia states that, at dawn, the Bulgarians made a bold attack and captured the whole eastern front of Adrianople, including six forts with all batteries.

Rejoicings in the Duma.
Reuter's correspondent at St. Petersburg wires that the news of the Bulgarian entry into Adrianople resulted in remarkable scenes in the Duma, the Deputies and the public cheering till they were hoarse.

The debate was suspended, and Dr. Dineff, the President of the Bulgarian Sobranje, and the Bulgarian Minister to St. Petersburg, who happened to be in the House, were shouldered and carried round, being followed by the President and Vice Presidents of the Duma.

The Russian and Bulgarian National Anthems were sung in the Duma, and the Chaplains sang a Te Deum.

Afterwards, the Bulgarians were escorted by the Deputies to their hotels.

The Surrender.

Later.
Reuter's correspondent at Sofia wires that Adrianople is now entirely occupied.

The Turkish Commandant, Chukri Pasha, surrendered to General Ivanoff at two o'clock on Wednesday afternoon.

City in Flames.

A later message states that the Turks set fire to all stores, the Arsenal, the Artillery Depot, the barracks and the hospital.

The northern quarters of the city are in flames, which are devastating many points.

The population is wildly flying in all directions.

Position of Skutari.

A message from Cetinje says that Montenegrin envoys have been sent to Skutari to notify Essad Pasha that the civilians will be allowed three days in which to leave the town.

According to a telegram from Vienna, it is expected that the Powers will shortly make representations to Belgrade and Cetinje with a view to securing a speedy evacuation of the territory they have assigned to Albania, including Skutari. Hence the departure of the civilians from Skutari is superfluous.

Fighting at Chatalja.

A message from Constantinople says that fighting at Chatalja was continuous throughout Monday, and was continued on Tuesday. The Turks are rushing up reinforcements to withstand the attacks.

Chatalja Captured.

London, March 27.
The Bulgarian Legation announces that Chatalja has been captured after two days' desperate fighting.

VOTES FOR WOMEN.

ATTITUDE OF I. L. P.

London, March 26.
The Independent Labour Party, which is holding a Conference at Manchester, has resolved to oppose the Plural Voting and other Electoral Bills until the Government introduces a measure enfranchising women.

The Conference also passed a resolution in favour of proportional representation.

Mr. Snowden, M.P., estimated that 80 Independent Labourites and Socialists would be returned under a system of proportional representation.

THE SYDNEY STRIKE.

A SETTLEMENT.

London, March 26.
Reuter's correspondent at Sydney reports that the strike in connection with the Ferriss is settled, the companies conceding the men 98 hours a fortnight instead of 120.

THE DEAD KING.

London, March 26.
British, German, Italian, Austrian, Russian and French warships are escorting the remains of the late King of Greece from Salonika to the Piræus.

TELEGRAMS.

VISCOUNT WOLSELEY.

TO BE BURIED IN ST. PAUL'S.

Reuter's [Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, March 26.

The remains of the late Field Marshal Viscount Wolseley will be interred at St. Paul's Cathedral on Monday.

APPRECIATED RAINS.

London, March 26.

A telegram from Melbourne states that beneficial rains have fallen in Victoria, South Australia and New South Wales.

TIGER HUNT.

Sportsmen's Adventure in Korea.

The mountains of South Chonul Province are the haunts of Korean tigers and stories of adventure are frequently received from that part of the peninsula, says the "Seoul Press." Only a few days ago a report from Mokpo told of a Korean girl being carried away by two tigers. Another report from the same port just to hand tells of a thrilling adventure experienced recently with a big tiger by two Japanese hunters living at Muan.

These men had heard that tigers were seen in the mountains of Komakwon and they set out for the mountain, each armed with a rifle. Climbing up the mountain they soon found spoor of tigers in the snow and tracing them they pushed forward into the depths of the mountain. In the afternoon they discovered a tiger creeping along a mountain slope. Yano took aim and fired. The bullet hit the animal which rolled over. The two hunters at once ran towards the beast to give it the coup de grace, but when they came within twenty yards of it, the tiger suddenly rose to its feet and ran away. The two hunters holly pursued it but were soon out-distanced.

While consulting as to what should be done, the tiger reappeared on a rock scarcely a yard in front of the hunters and pounced upon one of them. The man was severely bitten in the right hand, but fortunately he had his loaded rifle in hand and fired it point blank at the head of the infuriated beast. The bullet entered the brain of the animal through the right eye and it dropped dead instantly.

The tiger was an unusually big animal measuring more than seven feet. The Japanese Municipal Office and Chamber of Commerce have jointly bought it with the intention of presenting the skin to Count Terauchi, the Governor-General of Korea.

Harbour Offenders.

The owners of eight boats were charged at the Marine Court with anchoring their craft within 100 yards of low mark in a prohibited place and during prohibited hours. They were fined in all \$24.

Jack Jeffries.

A dispatch from Los Angeles says that Jack Jeffries is contemplating re-entering the ring because of the present poor crop of heavy weights.

On Suspicion of High Treason.
A Prussian officer, a relative of one of the highest officers in the Prussian army, has been arrested on suspicion of high treason, presumably in the form of espionage. He was arrested on February 3 at the instance of the Imperial Department of Public Prosecutions at Leipzig. He was imprisoned in Berlin, but released later on bail, said to amount to several hundred thousand marks. During his five days of arrest the prisoner was allowed to receive his wife daily. The utmost secrecy is observed with regard to the nature of the charge.

TELEGRAMS.

THE INDIAN MURDER.

LT. CLARK EXECUTED.

Reuter's [Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, March 26.

Reuter's correspondent at Allahabad reports that Lieutenant Clark has been executed.

[A message received on the 10th inst. stated:—Reuter's correspondent at Allahabad wires that Lieutenant Clark and Mrs. Fulham have been sentenced to death for the murder of Mr. Fulham and for abetting in the murder of Lieutenant Clark's wife. The sentence on Mrs. Fulham was commuted to penal servitude for life as she is enceinte.]

OBITUARY.

GENL. SIR W. CAMERON.

London, March 26.

The death is announced of General Sir William Gordon Cameron.

[Deceased, who was 85 years of age, was a Crimean veteran. He entered the army in 1844 and retired in 1895, after having seen service in the Crimea, Turkey and Abyssinia. He was Commander-in-Chief for Hongkong and the Settlements from 1885 to 1889.]

PLAGUE IN PHILIPPINES.

Hongkong a Plague-focus.

In the Quarterly Report of the Bureau of Health for the Philippine Islands—Second quarter, 1912—Dr. Holsat states that, after an absence of six years in human beings and five years among rats, plague was again found in the Philippine Islands, on June 17, 1912. A Filipino employed as a watchman at No. 235, Calle San Jacinto, in the Chinese district, who resided at No. 920, Calle Antonio Eivers, was found dead at his home, on the date mentioned above, after an illness of about three days. On post-mortem examination, typical plague buboes were found in the right groin and axilla. Smears made from the spleen showed Gram negative, bipolar staining organisms, and inoculations made into guinea pigs resulted in typical attacks of plague. The organism which was recovered from the guinea pigs agglutinated plague serum in high dilutions. The source of the infection is unknown. The nearest known focus of plague is at Hongkong, and there is no evidence to show that this man had been out of the country during the past few years. Test examination of rats caught in the different districts of Manila, particularly those from importers' warehouses, have been made at weekly intervals throughout the year since 1907 and have always proved negative.

Houses in the vicinity of which the man resided, and where he worked, showed evidences of rat infestation, but an examination made of many hundreds of rats, caught there, failed to reveal any plague infection, nor was there any history of unusual rat mortality having occurred anywhere in Manila.

The second death occurred on June 26, in the person of a Filipino woman, aged 44, at 1015, Calle Azcarraga, near the Arraque Market. She was found alive, in her house, and had been ill for three days. At the time she was transferred to the San Lazaro Hospital she had a temperature of 41 deg. C. and was in a dying condition. The autopsy showed slightly enlarged glands in the left groin, but the other usual autopsy findings of plague were conspicuous by their absence. Smear preparations made from the glands of the groin and from sections of the spleen showed Gram-negative, bipolar staining bacilli. Inoculations made into guinea pigs produced typical

TELEGRAMS.

THE FRENCH CRISIS.

A PRECARIOUS POSITION.

Reuter's [Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, March 26.

Reuter's correspondent at Paris says the impression in the lobby is that the position of the Ministry as the result of the vote of confidence is precarious. The main points of their policy announced in the Chamber are the introduction of the Three Years' Military Service Bill and Electoral Reform.

M. Barthou has declared that the Government is convinced that the Three Years' Service Bill alone will assure the defence of the national honour. It was impossible, to make compromises when the very life of the country was at stake.

attacks of plague, and the recovered organisms agglutinated with plague serum. This woman, from reliable evidence, had also not been out of the Philippine Islands during the past few years. At a near-by food store, where the woman is known to have purchased her food supply, four dead rats were found. These were taken to the Bureau of Science for diagnosis, but the post-mortem and inoculation experiments have proved negative.

It is possible that the disease has been introduced by infected fleas, although, in view of cases reported by Dr. Macdonald, and by observers in India, food infection cannot be completely disregarded. If the disease was introduced by infected fleas it would seem most likely that they reached here on sick rats which came in cargo, like crates of onions and potatoes, baskets of eggs, garlic, baskets of soy beans or similar food-stuffs which arrive almost daily, in large quantities, from China, Japan, and other plague-infected countries. Rats have actually been observed in such cargo, and it would be not at all impossible for an infected rat to have been introduced in this way. The officers of the Public Health and Marine Hospital Service located in Hongkong and Manila have long since recognized the danger of introducing plague in this way, but up to the present time it has been impossible to devise a practical method for entirely eliminating the danger from the introduction of rats in this manner without placing prohibitive restrictions upon commerce. The theory of the introduction of the plague by means of food is slightly supported by the fact that, at the autopsy of the first case, ulcerated tonsils were found, but as no cultures were taken it is impossible to submit anything definite under this head.

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

TELEGRAMS.

THE NEWS CONDENSED.

The Sydney ferry strike has been settled.

Viscount Wolseley is to be buried at St. Paul's on Monday.

The position of the new French Ministry is regarded as precarious.

The death is announced of General Sir William Gordon Cameron.

NAVAL ESTIMATES INTRODUCED.

MR. CHURCHILL ON THE NEW SITUATION.

THE INCREASE IN EXPENDITURE EXPLAINED.

[Reuter's Service To The "Telegraph."]

London, March 26.

In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, introduced the Naval Estimates. At the outset he explained the causes for the increase in naval expenditure, which were:—Firstly, owing to decisions of policy to increase the number of ships maintained in full commission in consequence of the new German Navy Law, and the decisions to increase the numbers and, notably, the pay of the personnel; secondly, the increase in size, speed, armaments, equipment and cost of warships of all kinds, necessary to keep pace with similar vessels now building all over the world; thirdly, from the introduction and development of new services, principally oil fuel, air service and wireless telegraphy; fourthly, from the general increase in prices and wages, particularly in regard to the cost of coal, oil, steel and all materials used in shipbuilding; fifthly, from the arrears of shipbuilding in the last two years arising from the failure of contractors to earn their proper instalments, as manifested by delays in executing current programmes.

Another Vote Possible.

Mr. Churchill stated that the Estimates would have been substantially higher but for the congestion in the shipyards, arising out of the extraordinary demands upon shipbuilding plants and especially upon the skilled labour supply. "If better progress is made in executing programmes," continued Mr. Churchill, "it will be necessary for me to ask Parliament later in the year for further supplementary Estimates."

New Facts.

"The Navy is passing through a period not merely of expansion, but of swift and ceaseless development. The latest German Navy Law has increased the number of

vessels we shall require to construct each year, and that Law, and the Mediterranean requirements, have still more increased the number and proportions of ships which must be maintained in the highest condition of readiness. To man and maintain the resulting war fleets, a continual and large increase in the number of officers and men of all ranks and ratings is required. The increase in the size, cost and speed of capital ships is compelled by the general developments in naval science and types. Building abroad is marked by unceasing increase in speed, which affects not only capital ships but destroyers, light cruisers and submarines. This increase in speed involves immense increases in horse-power. The increased cost of fuel, particularly oil fuel, is serious and shows no likelihood of immediate abatement. The adoption by Germany, America and Italy of larger guns for primary armaments and of larger and more numerous guns for secondary armaments has necessitated, in their advance, the size of the new and more expensive torpedoes led to an increase in the number of torpedo-tubes, and a further increase in the supply of torpedoes. Larger ships and guns involve larger docks and an increase in the scale of all appliances and yard machinery.

The Future.

"There is, I fear, no prospect of avoiding large and continuing increases in the Naval Estimates of future years unless the period of acute rivalries and of rapid scientific expansion through which we are passing comes to an end. Of all the nations in the world we, perhaps, are best able to bear such a strain if it should continue."

[The final portion of the speech had not arrived at the time of going to press.]

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

TELEGRAMS.

THE NEWS CONDENSED.

Lieutenant Clark, who was concerned in the Agri murders, has been executed.

Mr. Churchill's speech in introducing the Naval estimates is extensively covered in a telegram.

It is announced that the Bulgarian Cavalry have entered Adrianople which has surrendered.

Terrible news comes to hand of the damage and loss of life by floods in America, the death-roll being at least 6,000.

There was continuous fighting at Chatalja on Monday and Tuesday, the Turks rushing up reinforcements to withstand the attacks.

Plural voting and other electoral Bills are to be opposed by the Labourites until the Government introduces a Bill enfranchising women.

The news of the fall of Adrianople resulted in remarkable scenes in the Duma, the Bulgarian Minister and President of the Sobranje happening to be present.

LOCAL.

The report of the directors of the China Borneo Co., Ltd., appears in this issue.

The seventh day of the hearing in the bank note case was commenced this morning, before the Chief Justice.

Play in the Soldiers' Club Billiards Tournament, was recommenced on Tuesday when the 87th R.G.A. met the R.B. team (B).

Mr. Crewe, at the Police Court this morning, referred to the unfairness of detaining prisoner in gaol in prohibitive bail without evidence being offered.

Commander Basil Taylor: this morning enquired into the circumstances attending the collision between two steam launches as the result of which one was sunk.

DON'T FORGET.

TO-DAY.

Bijou 9.15 p.m.
Victoria Theatre 9.15 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Bijou 9.15 p.m.
Victoria Theatre 9.15 p.m.

Bandman Opera Co., Theatre Royal, 9 p.m.

Saturday March 26:
Oxford and Cambridge Dinner.

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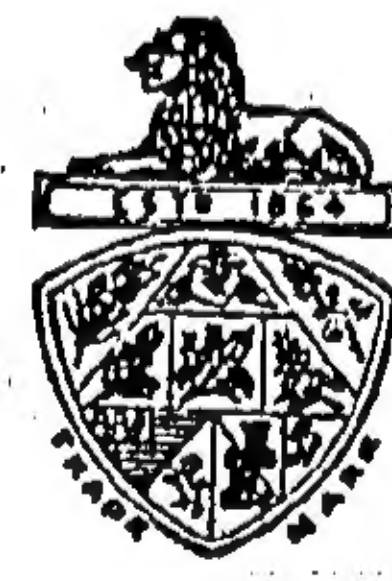
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OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

South China Morning Post.

The Fire Bug.

As we have already pointed out the articles in "Collier" are merely an American version of what used to happen in Hongkong. Fortunately the voice of protest was heard, the guilty were punished and the "proof of the pudding" that was served out is the remarkable immunity now enjoyed. Hongkong is by no means the only centre which can boast a purging of its fire records. Similar measures adopted in Shanghai, resulted in a remarkably short time in a reduction of from 50 to 60 per cent. in the number of fires, and the writer of the articles in Collier need go no further than Ohio for a remedy. There it is said "genuine fire marshals, with genuine money to work with, and genuine laws to back them, took the matter in hand, and in thirty months more people were sent to gaol for the crime of arson than had been before convicted in a century." The plan is simple—"Make the punishment fit the crime." Arson is a crime with which honest people can have no sympathy.

Daily Press.

Dr. Sun Yat-sen's Views.

We observe that he told an interviewer at Kobe, who questioned him regarding the aggression of Russia in Mongolia, that he did not consider that Russia really wants "a desert like Mongolia." "My opinion," he added, "is that Russia is after India, and he gratuitously expressed the further opinion that England is not strong enough to restrict her should the time ever come when Russia attempts to take it. The looseness of thought in this statement is too obvious to need emphasis, and we cannot but regard the ignorance it reveals as being assumed for a purpose. We know of no other Chinese, taking the rank of statesman, who shares Dr. Sun's belief that Russia does not really want "a desert like Mongolia." Its annexation has been advocated for years by responsible publicists in Russia, for political as well as commercial reasons. Mongolia is not the worthless desert Dr. Sun represents it to be. Its commerce is important and its mineral resources are believed to be abundant. If Mongolia were merely an arid desert, why should China be organising a military expedition and threatening a war with Russia in order to recover possession of it? And if Russia is after India, as Dr. Sun professes to believe, why should she want to establish her base at Urga, so many hundreds of miles away? If Dr. Sun Yat-sen is the sound student of affairs his admirers consider him to be, he would know enough about the general international position to recognise that no action on Russia's part is more extremely improbable than an attack upon India.

China Mail.

Metropolitan Traffic.

The greater flexibility, and relatively small seating capacity of the omnibuses enables them to maintain a higher schedule speed than the tram cars, even with no higher maximum speed. Constant stops for picking up and setting down are resented by passengers, and the larger the number carried per vehicle the more frequent such stops must be. The report states that the average receipts of the omnibuses are about 10d. per mile, and the cost of running is rather under 3d. per mile. A wide field is open, it is added, for invention, and the successful substitution of paraffin for petrol would, of itself, effect a further reduction in running costs. It may also be added that there is every prospect of the cost of rubber tyres being reduced, as the supply of rubber overtake the demand, and the reduction in the weight of the omnibuses, which is to be enforced shortly, should lead to additional economies in operation.

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GENERAL NEWS.

A Cession to Russia.
A Kalgan telegram to the "Sinwan jao," reports the cession of the Uliankai district to Russia by the Envoy of Urga. Having obtained the sanction of the Hattuk, Russia demands that the Mongolians surrender that place in April, or a force will be despatched to occupy it.

To Escape Sultors.
New York, February 20.—With the \$250,000 which is said to have been settled upon her in lieu of alimony by the husband she divorced last year, after they had been married fifteen years, Mrs. Albert Gallatin Wheeler, Jr., is sailing for England to escape the army of suitors who have been besieging her since she obtained her freedom. Mrs. Wheeler says she is constantly annoyed by telephoned proposals to marry from all sorts and manner of men. She intends to settle for the remainder of her life on a country estate which she has bought in England.

Seceders from Meerut Races.
Calcutta, March 7.—Sir John Meston, Lieutenant Governor, and General Pileher, commanding the Meerut Division, have both withdrawn their names and association from the Meerut races. It appears that General Pileher objected strongly to the system of credit-betting. The steward at first agreed to stop the booking of bets, but later altered their decision. General Pileher forthwith resigned the office of steward, selling his racehorses, and determined to race no more. Sir John Meston not only removed his name from the list of patrons, but says that he will legislate to stop betting altogether like in Bombay.

Singapore Liquor Shops.
It is notified by the Superintendent of Government Monopolies at Singapore that the following rule concerning retail liquor shops will come into force on April 1 next:—"All retail shop licensees premises situated within any area not distant more than two miles from any estate or place where any Indian labourers are employed shall be issued subject to the following condition, that is to say, no liquor shall, without the previous consent of the superintendent, be sold to Tamil, Telugu, Malay or other labourers from or descended from parents from the Madras Presidency of British India." The "Straits Times" understands that a similar rule will be applied in Johore.

Mr. F. W. Carpenter.
Bangkok people have welcomed back Mr. F. W. Carpenter, the American Minister, Plenipotentiary, who returned by the Nuen Tung, his appointment having been confirmed by the Senate. Mr. Carpenter, after only a brief stay in Bangkok, left on March 1, as no news of the confirmation of his appointment, one of the last made by Mr. Taft, had been received, and it thus automatically expired on March 3. He cabled to the Consulate at Singapore informing the Consul of the departure, but on the arrival of the Nuen Tung he was greeted with the pleasing intelligence that the confirmation of his appointment had been received at Singapore. He accordingly returned to Siam on the same vessel.

Vice Consul Hadley Resigns.
Mr. F. W. Hadley, American Vice Consul-General and Mixed Court Assessor, at Shanghai has, according to the "China Press," submitted his resignation to the Department of State. His intention is to enter into private business in China, when his resignation is accepted. Mr. Hadley was born in Kansas City in 1833. His home, however, is in Los Angeles. He was graduated from the University of California in 1898 and thereafter was engaged in business in California. He was appointed, after examination in the Department of State, student interpreter to Japan in August, 1907. He shortly went as student interpreter to Peking and after his course there was appointed Vice and Deputy Consul-General at Tientsin on Dec. 1, 1908. He was appointed to the consulate-general in Shanghai as Vice Consul-General and interpreter in April 1909. He was made mixed court assessor and designated to exercise judicial authority and jurisdiction in civil and criminal cases in August, 1900.

MAKING OF MEN.

French Children to be Taught to Play.

An interesting series of demonstrations will be held in Paris, when the Congress of the Education Physique of 1913 will endeavour to decide the vexed question of the relative merits of the various schools of physical culture now in vogue, says a writer in the "Pall Mall Gazette."

The enthusiasm for sport and physical exercise grows here as soon as to walk through the parks on Sunday is to see a vast panorama of lads and young men engaged in some form of sport.

Nor must we forget the Boy Scout, whom I watched with particular pleasure as he marched and manoeuvred in the park of St. Cloud on Sunday. I have, of course, frequently saluted the sturdy little English lads as they swung by in London, but when I see the French boy in the same uniform, hat and staff, I am always impressed by the marked difference in physique. The English Scout is a sturdy, round-faced little rascal, whereas I am obliged to admit that the French lad is pale, weedy, and black round the eyes.

The same contrast is noticeable among the girls; the English schoolgirl is rosy-cheeked and rather tomboyish, whereas the French maiden is slim, nervous, and sensitive. These comparisons have been pointed out long enough, of course, by English critics, and France to-day is realising that although vast progress is being made in the world of sport, the physical condition of the youth of France is not everything that might be desired.

Too Much Study.

The children's hours of work are too long; there are too many examinations; there is not enough play in the fresh air; there are no playing fields attached to the State schools; and the "exercise" of the French schoolboy consists of a dreary walk and a little desultory kicking about of a football; physical drill is rare, and, if given at all, it lacks all vigour and is devoid of interest to the pupil.

But in all these points public opinion has lately been fully roused, and a number of opportune campaigns have been launched; of which perhaps the most influential is that opened by the Comité Duplex. Why the Comité Duplex? An organization formed to popularise the Colonies and Colonial Settlement. What has that to do with physical education?

The answer lies in the fact that the Comité Duplex have realised that the French system of education may produce learned men, but it does not give those qualities of endurance, physical and mental, discipline and decision necessary to the successful colonist. M. Bonvalot, the leader of the organization, is fighting for an educational system which will "make men" instead of an arrangement which, in his own words, "may perhaps by accident evolve marvels of wisdom, but which will never build the bold hearts and virile mind which the service of the country requires."

Body Building Needed.

He points to England and England's youth, and demands that the children of France shall be given the time and the opportunity to take up the exercises and sports that will develop their bodies, and, at the same time, give them initiative, decision, and endurance, and, in short, them as real sportsmen, to cherish their health and strength.

M. Bonvalot's appeal has met with universal sympathy, but it is urged that one of the great difficulties of adopting any form of regular physical exercise in the French State schools is that there is such a wide diversity of opinion as to which school of physical culture it would be most advisable to adopt. To solve this problem, the "Congrès d'Education Physique de 1913" has been organized. In the humble opinion of an Englishman, much would have been gained in the meantime, by the addition of playing fields to the State schools, and a little practical instruction in the arts of cricket and football, but such vast changes in habit and regime, of course, demand time, and they will, undoubtedly, be won for the French lad of the future.

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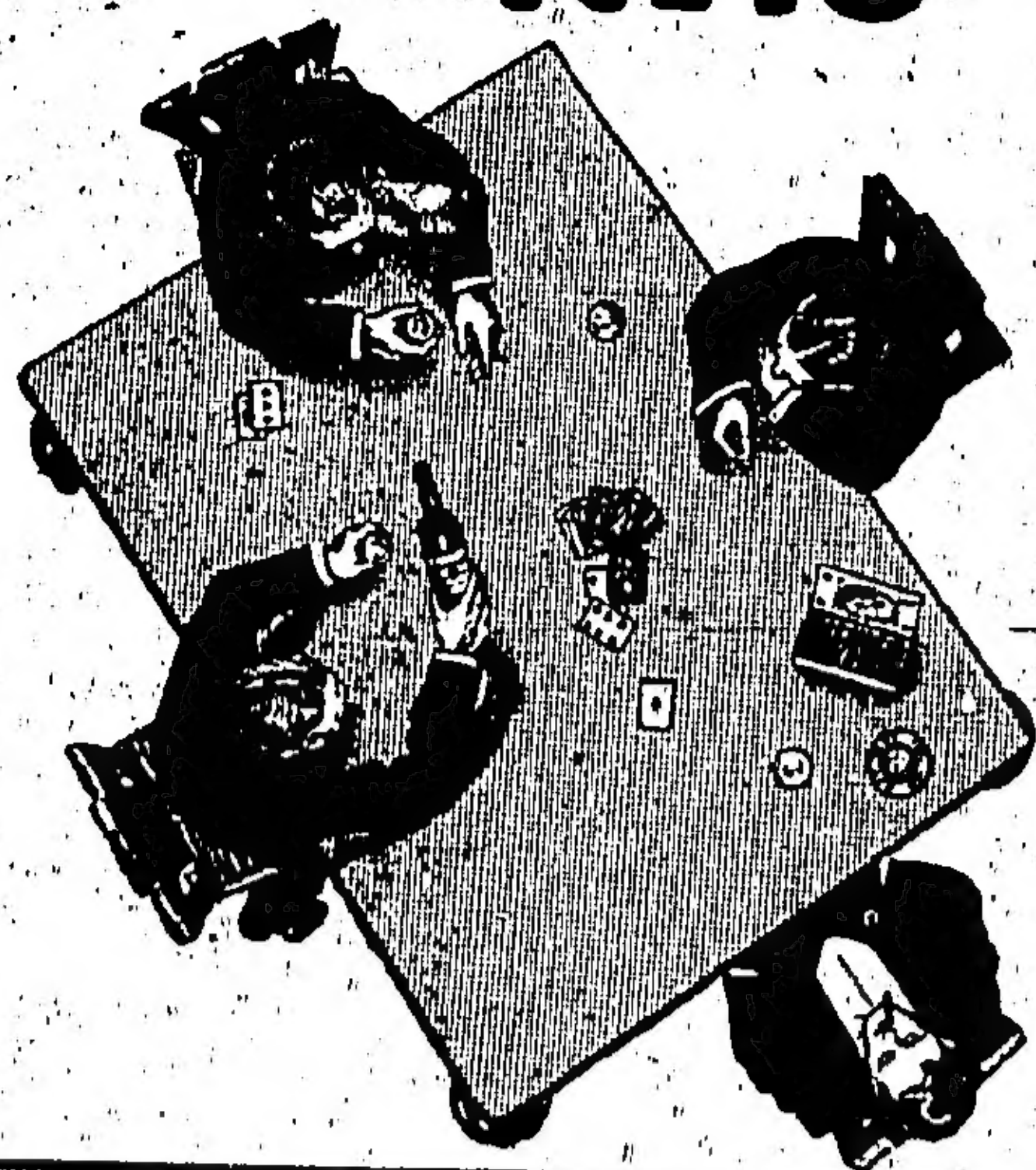
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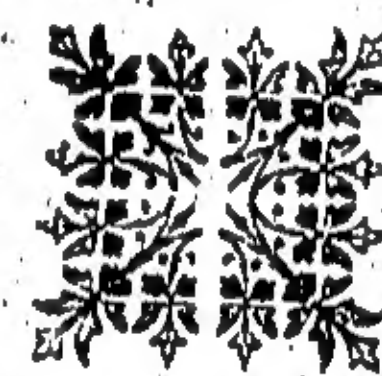
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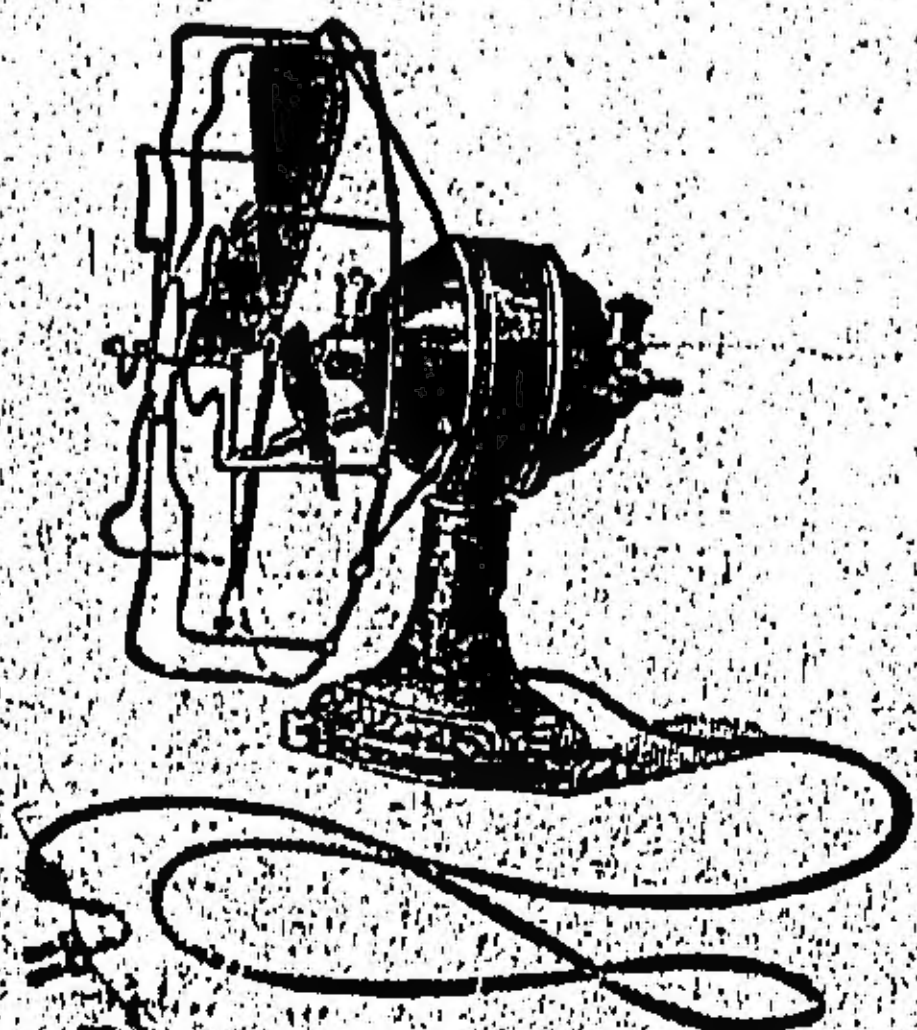
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MARRIAGE.

WHIBLEY-BONFIELD.—On March 18, 1913, at George St. Congregational Church, Oxford, by the Rev. James Robertson M.A., assisted by the Rev. Charles Redale, M.A., Stuart Napier, second son of Mr. H. G. Whibley, J.P., and Mrs. Whibley, Cambridge, to Mary Helen, younger daughter of the Rev. G. H. and Mrs. Bonfield, Shanghai.

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VOLUNTARY OFFERINGS.

In yesterday's "Telegraph" we published a rough analysis of the voluntary offerings made in the Church of England during the year ending Easter 1912, and a brief examination of the figures given tells us not a little as to the direction in which lie the sympathies of the donors. The total amount offered comes to over seven and three quarter million pounds—surely a proof in itself that the State Church is not so dead as she is popularly supposed to be; for when we consider the enormous number of English people who are either Catholics, Dissenters, Jews, or avowedly without religion, we shall realise that the members of the Anglican Church have been more than liberal in their offering.

The largest item in the analysis is a little under four million pounds, which is classified under the head of general Parochia Purposes—a term rendered all the more ambiguous by the fact that other sums are listed under such heads as Home Work, Clergy, Parish Clergy, Philanthropy, etc. Presumably, however, we may take it that that sum will go to the up-keep of the many parish churches, and the various local organisations connected with them. The amount subscribed for the clergy is over a million, a fact that may provoke comment that is puzzled rather than unkindly. Religious bodies, other than the Established Church, are in the habit of contributing to the support of their pastors because there is usually no endowment behind them; but, in view of the huge revenues of the Protestant Church, it seems hard on the laity that they should be called upon to augment those revenues, as well as humiliate to those of the clergy who are forced to accept a share of the sums raised. Everyone at Home knows that the stipend paid to the Archbishop of Canterbury is £15,000, and everyone, or nearly everyone, is equally aware that that paid to a parish curate averages somewhere about a hundredth part of this amount. Again, it is matter of common knowledge that the value of many benefices has fallen to as low as forty pounds a year, so that there can only be held by men who have private means, or else who are helped very considerably from the offerings of which we are speaking. To this we may add that a still greater number of benefices only produce some three or four hundred a year; and, as often as not, the holder must pay part of a curate's salary out of that—the other part coming out of the voluntary funds under discussion. Is not some system of re-organising necessary to do away with a muddle like this?

Another point on which it is interesting to touch is the disparity between sums devoted to foreign missions and those to educational, philanthropic and other work. Foreign missions seem to claim over nine hundred thousand pounds or, roughly, one-eighth of the grand total. This, of course, must not be taken to mean that so big a sum is deliberately devoted by those in authority to missions, but merely that the general public, when asked to contribute, does so more readily to foreign missions than to other causes. As against this sum, be it remarked, £38,015, or less than one-tenth of it, was raised for educational purposes. Are we to infer that the souls or minds of Buddhists and Hindus (many of whom are far more highly cultivated than moderately well-educated persons at Home) are of more consequence to the Englishman than those of his own countrymen—or that their bodies, for that matter, for we notice that only half a million odd was subscribed for philanthropic purposes? John Bull is fond enough of telling us that charity begins at home, but if the figures at which we have been glancing tell the truth, his statement and his actions do not tally.

Prison Reform.

It is stated that the Government at Home is to introduce a Bill dealing with prison reform, and it is understood that its principal object will be to abolish the punishment of "hard labour" by courts of summary jurisdiction as a separate award. At present there is hard labour and simple imprisonment, but there is practically no difference in the labour. It is proposed, so we read, to have prisoners sentenced to the first, second, or third divisions, the latter being equivalent to simple imprisonment. In view of this, it is interesting to note that the latest report of the Commissioners of Prisons emphasises the point that if Magistrates, in every case, pronounced in public the division in which a prisoner should be placed, and ordered it to be entered in writing on the commitment, inequality of punishment would be avoided. There seems to be a deal of sympathy about for the criminal in these days.

The Water-Carriers.

We have many times felt obliged to complain that coolies, bearing all manner of burdens, are permitted to use the pavements in all quarters of the city, even at the busiest times of the day. Latterly this grievance has become greater than ever, for, since the establishment of the public stand-pipes, men, women and children, carrying brimming buckets of water, seem allowed to walk about the already crowded side-walks at will. The other day, in Queen's Road and not a hundred yards from the Magistracy itself, we noticed a coolie carrying two such buckets, one of which he liberally splashed the dress and boots of a passing school-girl. Ought the girl to have walked in the roadway for the greater convenience of the coolie? Every day, both near this spot and also in various parts of Des Voeux Road, to say nothing of the side streets, the pavements are used wholesale by these water-carriers. Could not an odd lunkong or two be told off, politely to request them, and all other gentry who carry awkward loads along the pavements, to use the road instead?

The Worst City on Earth.

A "Daily Telegraph" correspondent has been telling his editor that Chicago is the worst city on earth. We doubt it, and for this reason: that we have heard, during the past ten years, the same distinction conferred on at least forty other cities, including London, Liverpool, Glasgow, Cairo, Paris, Algiers, and New York. Now which is the worse: municipal corruption and personal vice, rampant, naked, and unashamed; or the same two things hushed up and smoothed over and cloaked under respectable religiosity? We don't love the highway robber who clubs us on the head and takes our watch or purse; but, as a choice of evils, give us him before the virtuous humbug who fleeces public money, and works all manner of jobbery, with words of piety on his lips. In one dear, good, little cathedral city at Home that we wot of, there is as much immorality, as much drunkenness, and as much juggling with public funds, to the square foot, as we could look to find on the same space of any of the so-called great vice-centres of the world. That "Daily Telegraph" man is talking nonsense; wickedness is in men: not in cities.

The Labour Threat. The Labourites are apparently getting tired of saying Yea to everything of Liberal origin. They are getting independent, and have taken to themselves the role of dictating to the Government, as is shown by their resolve to oppose the Plural Voting and other Electoral Bills, until a measure for the enfranchisement of women has been introduced. It will be interesting now to see whether the threat will be carried out. We all know that the Cabinet is hopelessly divided on the question of female suffrage, and thus the bringing forward of measures on these lines would practically make the defeat of the Ministry certain. On the other hand, if the demand is not conceded, Mr. Asquith and his colleagues would find themselves in an awkward hole without their accustomed Labour backing when the electoral Bills came up for consideration. So it seems as though our Liberal friends are betwixt the devil and the deep sea.

DAY BY DAY.

Try to look for the good and not the evil in men and life.

The Mails.

Siberian Mail.—Arrived per s.s. Linan last evening.

English Mail.—Expected to arrive per s.s. Assaye at 5 p.m. to-day (delayed).

Siberian Mail.—Closes per s.s. Assaye at 9 a.m. to-morrow.

Siberian Mail.—Due per s.s. India to-morrow.

American Mail.—Due per s.s. Tenyo Maru to-morrow.

The English Mail.

The English Mail of March 1st was delivered in London yesterday.

Cable Communication. Mr. J. O. Hough, acting superintendent of the Great Northern Telegraph Co., Ltd. informs us that cable communication between Shanghai and Nagasaki is restored.

Adjourned.

The case fixed for hearing at the March Criminal Sessions, in which Messrs F. K. Tata and J. N. Ollie, were to have been the defendants, has been adjourned sine die on the application of the Attorney General.

Football Shield Final.

The final tie to decide who shall be holders of the Football Shield this season is to take place at Happy Valley on Saturday, April 5, between teams representing the Left Half B.D. C.L.I. and the Royal Engineers.

Seventh Day of Hearing. To-day was the seventh day of hearing in the bank note case, before the Chief Justice, Sir W. Rees, Davies K.C. There are seven counsel engaged in the case and seven prisoners on trial. New Governor of British North Borneo.

Mr. R. Parr, one of the most experienced residents of the Federated Malay States, has been appointed Governor of British North Borneo in succession to the late Mr. Scott Mason. The appointment is for two years, and dates from March 25.

Used a Knuckle-Duster. Before Mr. O.D. Melbourne, at the Police Court, this morning, a coolie employed by the Sanitary Department was charged with assaulting a foreman with a knuckle-duster. The defence was a total denial and an alibi. A fine of \$5 was imposed.

Cutting Flowers. An Indian bugler and a cook were each fined \$5 by Mr. F.A. Hazeland, at the Police Court, this morning, for cutting flowers at King's Park, without permission. His Worship told the Indian officer in charge of the man to warn all his men against this practice.

Distinguished Visitors. H. E. the Right Honourable Sir West Ridgeway and Major General Sir Alfred Turner who have returned from a tour through British North Borneo have been the guests of H. E. the Governor for the last few days and are leaving by the s.s. Assaye for Home, via Siberia. They will make a short stay in Peking.

Leaving for Home. Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Gadge and the Hon. Mr. O. H. Ross leave for Home on May 6. Mr. W. Dickson, Manager of the Chartered Bank, with his family, leave for Home about the middle of April by the P. and O. s.s. Assaye. During Mr. Dickson's absence the management of the bank will be in the hands of Mr. A. S. Hewett.

Recovered. When the police raided an opium den in Wing Fung Street recently one of the men jumped from a window in order to evade Inspector Gerrard and the police officers. The man was so badly injured that he had to be taken to the hospital. This morning he was well enough to appear at Court, and he was fined \$250 for "keeping."

Art Curio Sale.

It will be seen from an advertisement in to-day's issue that the business of Messrs. Kahn and Komor, art curio dealers, has been sold to Messrs. Komor and Komor, of Des Voeux Road. The sale of the stock in Queen's Road is being continued for a short time, and those in search of bargains should not miss this opportunity. The business will afterwards be continued at Alexandra Buildings under both firm names.

COMPANY REPORT.

The China-Borneo Co., Limited.

The report for presentation to shareholders at the tenth ordinary yearly meeting of the China-Borneo Co., Limited, to be held at the office of the company at 11.30 a.m. on Thursday, 3rd April, is as follows:—
Gentlemen,—The General Manager and Consulting Committee beg to present to the shareholders the Tenth Ordinary Yearly Report of the Company. The accounts show a profit of ... \$68,785.28
From this has to be deducted:—
Fees to Consulting Committee ... 4,000.00
Leaving available for appropriation ... \$64,785.28
The Consulting Committee recommend that a dividend of 85 cents per share on the Subscribed Capital be paid to Shareholders ... \$30,100.00
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Write off Hongkong Saw Mills ... 5,000.00
Write off Sandakan Saw Mills ... 5,000.00
Write off Plant &c ... 2,500.00
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Write off Timber Concessions ... 685.28
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Hon. Mr. E. Osborne, on leaving the Colony, resigned his seat on the Consulting Committee and Mr. A. E. Griffin has been invited to fill his place. This appointment requires the confirmation of Shareholders.

In accordance with the Articles of Association, Mr. A. E. Griffin retires from the Consulting Committee, but offers himself for re-election. Auditor.—The accounts under review have been audited by Mr. W. H. Potts who offers himself for re-election.

W. G. DARBY, General Manager.

Hongkong, 20th March, 1913.

Statement of Accounts.

LIABILITIES.

Capital ... \$720,000.00
Less 14,000 Shares unissued each \$12 ... 168,000.00
552,000.00
Sundry Creditors ... 9,861.41
Balance of Working Account ... 68,785.28
\$630,646.69

ASSETS.

Hongkong Saw Mills:—
Value as per last statement ... \$99,800.00
Less amount provided for depreciation ... 5,000.00
94,800.00

Sandakan Saw Mills:—
Value as per last statement ... \$99,834.35
Less amount provided for depreciation ... 10,000.00
89,834.35

Steam Launches and Lighters:—
Value as per last statement ... 99,758.13
Less amount provided for depreciation ... 10,000.00
89,758.13

Since added ... 11,411.04
101,169.17
Loss of s. l. "Leila" ... 12,000.00
89,169.17

Sandakan Engine Works:—
Value as per last statement ... 77,209.46
Less amount provided for depreciation ... 6,000.00
71,209.46

Since added ... 438.10
71,647.56

Sandakan Plant:—
Value as per last statement ... 18,825.81
Less amount provided for depreciation ... 3,000.00
15,825.81

Since added ... 8,353.24
24,179.05

House and Land Property.

Value as per last statement ... 3,300.53
Since added ... 2,875.00
6,184.53

House and Office Furniture.

Value as per last statement ... 2,377.03
Timber Concessions:—
Value as per last statement ... \$13,634.18
Less amount provided for depreciation ... 1,080.14
11,065.04

Stocks of Timber and Material ... 130,214.00
Sundry Debtors ... 104,405.72
Cash in hand ... 5,770.05
\$630,646.69

Working Account.

To Management & Office Expenses in Hongkong and Borneo ... 41,266.27
To Interest ... 593.33
To Exchange Account ... 5,491.60
To Loss of s. l. "Leila" ... 12,000.00
To Auditor's Fee ... 200.00
To Balance ... 68,785.28
\$128,336.48

By Profit on Sales of Rough and Saw Timber, etc. ... 128,310.48
By Scrip Fees ... 26.00
\$128,336.48

(Sd.) J. W. C. BONNAR
(Sd.) A. E. GRIFFIN
Members of Consulting Committee.
(Signed) W. G. DARBY, General Manager.

I report that I have audited the above Balance Sheet, with the books and vouchers of the Company, and the returns from Borneo and the London Office and that in my opinion such balance sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Company's affairs at the 31st December, 1912, according to the best of my information, and the explanations given me, and as shown by the books of the Company. The various stocks as in previous years are certified for quantity by the Managers and for value by the General Manager. I have obtained all the information and explanations I have required.

(Signed) W. HUTTON POTTS, Auditor.

Hongkong, 20th March, 1913.

British and Foreign Marine Insurance Company, Ltd.

The Directors of the British and Foreign Marine Insurance Company, Limited, in their Annual Report and Statement of Accounts, state that the Underwriting Account for 1911, now closed, has resulted in a profit of \$85,683.83. The Interest Account for the year 1912 is \$70,420.17s. 0d. The combined result amounts to \$156,004.00s. 11d., which, with the balance of \$231,691.4s. 2d. China, and if the Powers continue to insist upon it, the resulting situation merely will serve Russia's interests to the detriment of those of all other nations. Such a situation would effectively block fruit of the loan, and at the same time close European financial markets to the issue.

An Interim Dividend of 10s. per share, less Income Tax, having been paid in July last, it is now proposed to pay a Dividend of 12 1/2 per share, less Income Tax. After providing for Dividend and Income Tax on the Profits of 1911, there will remain a balance of \$311,958.9s. 3d. at the credit of Profit and Loss Account, from which it is proposed to transfer \$200,000. to the Reserve Fund, raising that Fund to \$1,200,000, and leaving \$111,958.9s. 3d. to the credit of Profit and Loss Account.

The Premiums for the year 1912 amount to \$513,526.13s. 2d. and the Claims settled to \$167,140.13s. 3d., leaving a Nett Balance, after deducting Expenses, of \$346,386.00s. 4d.

NEW BANDMANN OPERA COMPANY.

His Excellency the Governor has intimated that he will witness the New Bandmann Opera Company's production of "The Girl in the Taxi" on Wednesday April 2, and also of the latest Gaiety Theatre success "The Sunshine Girl" on Monday April 7.

ALICE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:—
Daily Farm Co., Ltd. ... \$100

Sgt. Heath ... 200
Br. Barker ... 189
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Germany May Bolt.

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THE LOAN QUESTION.

Sensation Caused By American Withdrawal.

Peking, March 21.—A correspondent of The China Press today had an interview with Mr. F. H. McKnight, senior special representative here of the American Banking Group, concerning withdrawal and the effects of that action upon operations of the Group in China. Mr. McKnight said:—

"The American Group have announced to their associates in negotiations for the re-organization loan, and on behalf of the American Group I have announced to the Minister of Finance, the complete withdrawal of the American Group from the loan negotiations. I shall soon return to the United States and the offices of the American Group in Peking will be discontinued. The International Banking Corporation has been delegated to carry on such routine business as may be necessitated by our connection with past negotiations."

Sensation in Peking.

Peking, March 21.—The sudden and unexpected abandonment by the United States of the Sextuple diplomatic entente, and the action of the American Group in completely withdrawing from all loan negotiations and closing its offices in Peking is the greatest sensation the capital has had since the Manchurian abdication. Little else is discussed by foreigners and intelligent Chinese.

Very naturally, the chief interest now centres in how the action of America will affect the international combination; and there is a variety of opinion about this. Chinese attached to the Government declare that this means the immediate break-up of the Sextuple Group, and the formation of a new Group under the leadership of America. However, this view does not jibe with the evidently sincere intention of the American Group to abandon the field, at least for the present. It is evident that the Americans are very much disgusted at this outcome of their effort and expense.

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Tientsin	CHIPSING	Friday, 28th March, at Noon.
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MANILA	YUENSANG	Saturday, 5th April, at 2 P.M.

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The steamers "Kamsang," "Namsang" and "Fooksang" leave about every 3 weeks for Shanghai and Japan returning via Kobe (Inland Sea) and Moji to Hongkong. Time occupied 20 days. This service is supplemented by the "Laisang" and "Kamsang" leaving Hongkong at regular intervals for Yokohama, Kobe and Moji and returning thence direct to Hongkong. Time occupied 18 days.

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SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

For	Steamship	DATE OF SAILING.
LONDON & ANTWERP	DEN OF CROMBIE	About 5th April.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	DEN OF GLAMIS	" 30th April.

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VICOUVER, SEATTLE, TACOMA & PLAND.	FLINTSHIRE	About 5th April.
VICTORIA, VANCOUVER & SEATTLE	HARPAGUS	" 10th June.
PORTLAND, TACOMA & SEATTLE	MONMOUTHSHIRE	" 27th June.

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HONGKONG-CANTON LINE.

HONGKONG TO CANTON. CANTON TO HONGKONG.

—THURSDAY, 27th MARCH.

10.00 p.m. "HEUNGSHAN." 5.00 p.m. "KINSHAN."

FRIDAY, 28th MARCH.

8.00 a.m. "KINSHAN." 8.00 a.m. "HONAM."

10.00 p.m. "HONAM." 5.00 p.m. "HEUNGSHAN."

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S.S. "SUI AN" at 4 A.M. from Wing Lok Street Wharf.

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MACAO TO HONGKONG.

Week days at 7.30 A.M. and 2 P.M. Sundays, at 7.30 A.M. and 5 P.M.

EXCURSION TO MACAO

SUNDAY, 30th MARCH.

The Company's Steamship, "SUI AN."

Will depart from the Company's WINGLOK LOK STREET WHARF at 9 A.M. and return from Macao at 5 P.M.

N.B.—The Company will also run a steamer from Macao on Sunday morning at 7.30 A.M. and from Hongkong at 12.30 P.M. from the Company's WINGLOK STREET WHARF.

This steamer connects with the excursion steamer returning from Macao at 5 P.M.

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CANTON-WUCHOW LINE.

S.S. "SAINAM," 588 Tons, and "NANNING," 569 Tons.

One of the above steamers leaves Canton for Wuchow every Monday Wednesday and Friday at about 8 A.M., and the other leaves Wuchow for Canton on the same days at 8.30 A.M. Round trips take about 5 days. Passengers can return to Hongkong or vice versa by the Company's direct steamers.

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Destination	Steamers	Sailing Date
BOMBAY via Singapore and Colombo	KAMAKURA MARU Capt. Hori T. 12,500	MONDAY, 31st March.
CALCUTTA via S'pore, Penang and Rangoon	CEYLON MARU Capt. Noma T. 12,000	SATURDAY, 6th April.
VICTORIA, B.C., & SEATTLE via Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Oki, & YAMAGUCHI	SADO MARU Capt. Asakawa T. 12,500	TUESDAY, 8th April, at Noon.
N'BAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	NIKKO MARU Capt. Yagi T. 9,600	WEDNESDAY, 9th April, at Noon.
SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE	SANUKI MARU Capt. Richards T. 12,500	WEDNESDAY, 9th April.
KOBE and YOKOHAMA	TANGO MARU Capt. Kawara T. 12,000	THURSDAY, 10th April.
LONDON & Antwerp via Singapore, Penang, Colombo, S'pore, Port Said and Marseilles	KITANO MARU Capt. E. Cope T. 16,000	WEDNESDAY, 9th April, at daylight.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila, Thos. Island, Townsville and Brisbane	IMO MARU Capt. Hirano T. 12,500	WEDNESDAY, 9th April, at daylight.
	YAWATA MARU Capt. Sekine T. 7,000	WEDNESDAY, 9th April, at Noon.
	INABA MARU Capt. Tomimasa T. 12,150	WEDNESDAY, 7th May, at Noon.

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FOR EUROPE.

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Kitano Maru	16,000	9th April.
Iyo Maru	12,500	23rd April.
Hirano Maru	18,000	7th May.
Tango Maru	18,500	31st May.

FOR AMERICA.

Sado Maru	12,500	4th April.
Yokohama Maru	12,500	22nd April.
Inaba Maru	12,500	6th May.
Shidano Maru	12,500	20th May.

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CHINA NAVIGATION
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SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

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TIENTSIN	KUEICHOV	28th March, at Noon.
HAIPHONG	SUNGKIANG	29th March, at 10 A.M.
SHANGHAI	LINAN	29th March, at midnight.
NINGPO	CHIHLE	31st April, at 4 P.M.
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	TEAN	1st April, at 4 P.M.

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Steamship	Tons	Captain	For	Sailing Date
RUBI	4000	J. Miller	Manila, Manganin, Holo and Orba.	THURSDAY, 27th March, 4 P.M.
ZAFIRO	4000	F. S. McMurray	Manila, Manganin, Holo and Cebu.	MONDAY, 7th April, 4 P.M.

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Steamer	From	Expected on or about	For	Will leave on or about
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Tiki...	JAPAN	2nd half Mar.	JAVA	2nd half Mar.
Tiki...	JAPAN	2nd half Mar.	JAVA	2nd half Mar.
Tiki...	JAPAN	1st half Apr.	JAVA	1st half Apr.
Tiki...	JAVA	1st half Apr.	JAPAN	1st half Apr.
Tiki...	JAVA	1st half Apr.	SHANGHAI	1st half Apr.
Tiki...	JAVA	2nd half Apr.	JAPAN	2nd half Apr.

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S.S. "Tenyo Maru"	22,000	E. Bent	April 3rd, Noon.
S.S. "Shinyo Maru"	22,000	H. S. Smith	April 29th, Noon.
S.S. "Chiyo Maru"	22,000	W. C. T. Filmer	May 27th, Noon.

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Hongkong Maru	11,700	Wednesday, June 4, Noon.
Kyo Maru	17,300	Tuesday, August 5, Noon 1913.

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From HONGKONG	Arrive Manila	Leave Manila	Das
Leave Hongkong	Apr. 17	Apr. 5 PERSIA	Hongkong
Apr. 16 PERSIA	Apr. 17	Apr. 13 KOREA	Apr. 7
May 18 OHINA	May 16	May 11 MANCHURIA	Apr. 15
June 8 NILE	June 5		May 18

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do do	Spezia	H. A. L.	15 April
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do do do	Changsha	B. & S.	9 April
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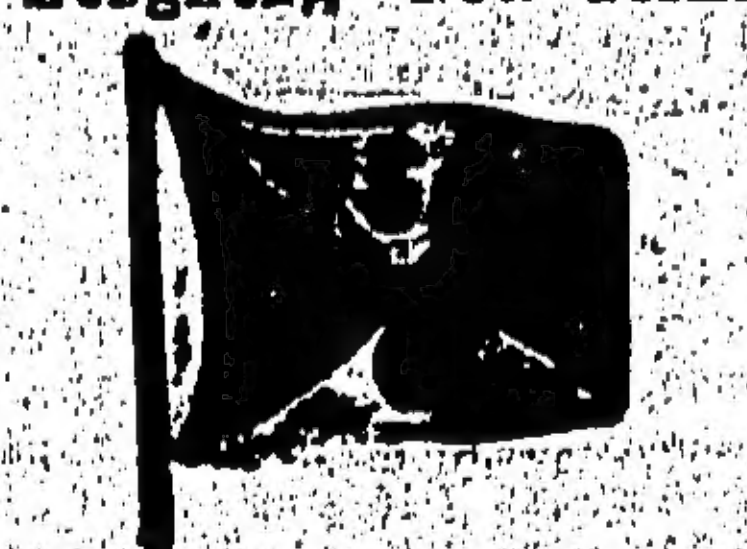
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Bangkok via Swatow	Chowtai	B. & S.	28 March
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Shanghai, Teingtau, Kobe and Yokohama	Luatsow	M. & Co.	3 April, about
Shanghai and Moji	Jelunga	D. S. & Co.	15 April
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Sithonia	H. A. L.	28 March
Shanghai	Tjitaroem	J. C. J. L.	Quick despatch
do	Tjibodas	J. C. J. L.	Quick despatch
do	Tjikini	J. C. J. L.	Quick despatch
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do	Linan	B. & S.	29 March

New Chinese Cruiser Chao-Ho
in Fast Trip.

The new Chinese cruiser Chao-Ho, built for the Chinese government by Armstrong, Whitworth and Company (Messrs. Buchheister and Company agents) arrived in Shanghai during the afternoon of Friday and is now at Kiangnan Dock. The ship made a fast run out from England, taking just thirty-one days for the trip. She proved seaworthy in every way and makes a useful addition to the Chinese navy. Arrangements are being made to hand the Chao-Ho over to the government some day this week. Admiral T. S. Li, commander-in-chief of the Chinese navy will fix the date. The particulars of the vessel follows:

Length between
perpendiculars 330 feet, 0 inches
Breadth 24 " 0 "
Depth 23 " 6 "
Draft 14 " 0 "
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Shaft Horse
Power 6,500 (2).
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MOVEMENTS OF
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The P. M. s.s. Persia left San Francisco on the 8th inst.

The P. M. s.s. China arrived at San Francisco on the 24th inst.

The P. M. s.s. Siberia arrived at San Francisco on the 17th inst.

The P. M. s.s. Korea left San Francisco on the 15th inst., for Hongkong via Ports.

The T. E. K. s.s. Tenyo Maru with U.S. mails, is expected to arrive at this port on the 28th inst., between 8 and 10 a.m.

Owing to permanent repairs being made on the P. M. s.s. Nile, she will not leave this port until March 31st, but will omit home-bound ports of Manila and Honolulu, thus arriving in San Francisco April 9th or 2 days before the s.s. Mongolia, left here on the 25th inst.

GERMAN MAIL.

The I. G. M. s.s. Lutzow, carrying the German mails, with dates from Berlin of the 5th inst., left Colombo on the 22nd inst., and may be expected here on the 2nd prox.

CANADIAN MAIL.

The C. P. R. s.s. Montague left Yokohama on the 16th inst., at noon, due to arrive at Vancouver, B.C., on the 30th inst.

The C. P. R. s.s. Empress of Japan left Vancouver, B.C., on the 20th inst., at 10 p.m., and is due to arrive at Hongkong on the 10th prox.

AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The E. & A. s.s. Eastern left Sydney for this port via Queens-land Ports Port Darwin, Timor and Manila on the 14th inst., and may be expected here on the 6th prox.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The P. & O. s.s. Peshawar is expected to arrive at Colombo on the 28th inst.

The Bank Line s.s. Orterio arrives at Moji on the 21st inst., and is due to arrive here on the 28th inst.

The A. L. s.s. Koerber left Singapore for this port on the 24th inst., and will arrive here on the 29th inst.

The Ben Line s.s. Benayon from Leith, Middlesbrough, and London left Singapore on the 22nd inst., and may be expected to arrive here on the 29th inst.

The I. C. B. N. s.s. Mausang from Sandakan is due at Hongkong on the 28th inst.

The Danish s.s. Indien left Singapore on the 25th inst., and may be expected here on the 3rd inst.

The P. & O. s.s. Palawan is expected to arrive at Colombo on the 5th prox., at 6 a.m.

The Swedish East Asiatic Co.'s s.s. Japan left Singapore on the 24th inst., and is expected to arrive here on the 30th inst.

The Swedish East Asiatic Co.'s s.s. Peking left Port Said on the 23rd inst., and is expected to arrive here on the 20th prox.

The Mogul Line str. Lothian sailed from the United Kingdom on the 26th ult., for the Far East via Straits.

The s.s. Glentworth passed the Suez Canal on the 18th inst., for Hongkong via Straits.

The T. K. K. s.s. Kiyo Maru arrived at Manzanillo from Honolulu, on the 18th inst., and leaves again for Salina Cruz on the 20th inst.

The S. L. s.s. Flintshire from London is due at Hongkong on the 5th prox.

The H. A. L. s.s. Sithonia left Singapore on the 23rd inst., a.m., and may be expected here on the 29th inst., a.m.

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Anghin, Ger. s.s., 1,065, Kumpel 23rd Mar.—Bangkok and Swatow 15th Mar.—Rice.—B. & S.

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Borneo, Ger. s.s., 1,344, Sembill, 22nd Mar.—Sandakan 17th Mar.—Timber.—M. & Co.

Buyo Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,490, Has- lunoto, 21st Mar.—Moji 16th Mar.—Coal.—T. K. K.

Canton Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,197, Murakami, 26th Mar.—Moji 20th Mar.—Coal.—M. B. G. K.

Chowtai, Ger. s.s., 1,115, Reher, 23rd Mar.—Bangkok 14th Mar.—Teak.—B. & S.

Daijin Maru, Jap. s.s., 899, N. Nagano, 26th Mar.—Tamsui 23rd Mar.—Gen.—O. S. K.

Devawongse, Br. s.s., 1,048, C. W. Shearer, 25th Mar.—Sai- gon 21st Mar.—Rice.—Order.

Ellerie, Br. s.s., 2,304, Thompson, 20th Mar.—Cardiff via Suez and Colombo 3rd Mar.—Coal.—Admiralty.

Empress of India, Br. s.s., 5,940, A. J. Harley, 14th Mar.—Vancouver, B.C.—2nd Feb. Gen.—C. P. R. Co.

Haiyang, Br. s.s., 1,363, Hodgins, 16th Mar.—Foochow and Amoy 15th Mar.—Gen.—D. L. & Co.

Iohang, Br. s.s., 1,228, Jones, 19th Mar.—Canton 18th Mar.—Ballast.—B. & S.

Kamol, Nor. s.s., 849, Folkman, 23rd Mar.—Bangkok 18th Mar.—Rice.—Order.

Loonsang, Br. s.s., 1,193, Lehak, 25th Mar.—Manila 22nd Mar.—Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Nile, Br. s.s., 3,156, Lapraik, 11th Mar.—San Francisco 8th Mar.—Gen.—P. M. Co.

Nippon Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,452, A. G. Stevens, 21st Mar.—San Francisco 21st Feb.—Flour.—T. K. K.

Panama Maru, Jap. s.s., 2,400, Kanao, 23rd Mar.—Shanghai 20th Mar.—Gen.—S. K.

Pheumphen, Br. s.s., 1,065, Was. B. Scott, 19th Mar.—Saigon 15th Mar.—Gen.—Wo Fat Sing.

Pongtong, Br. s.s., 998, Potefuhr, 17th Mar.—Bangkok 8th Mar.—Rice.—B. & S.

Tjikini, Dutch s.s., N. La. Rooy, 21st Mar.—Balk Papan 13th Mar.—Gen.—J. C. J. L.

Tjimahi, Dutch s.s., 3,815, Schern- bert, 20th Mar.—Munkel 12th Mar.—Gen.—J. C. J. L.

Rajah, Ger. s.s., 2,800, Roselisky, 21st Mar.—Sandakan 18th Mar.—Gen.—M. & Co.

Sexta, Ger. s.s., 991, Jensen, 23rd Mar.—Bangkok and Swatow 22nd Mar.—Rice.—Chinese.

Si-kiang, Fr. s.s., 606, Henry, 20th Mar.—Haiphong 18th Mar.—Gen.—M. L.

Taishun, Br. s.s., 1,214, Passmore, 25th Mar.—Canton 25th Mar.—Ballast.—O. M. S. N. Co.

Tungus, Nor. s.s., 1,039, Halver- sen, 22nd Mar.—Bangkok 13th Mar.—Rice.—Chi- nese.

Wiegand, Ger. s.s., 291, Ahrens, 19th Mar.—Caroline 10th Mar.—Ballast.—M. & Co.

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THE LAST OF THE OPIUM TRADE.

An Indian Paper's View.

The decision of the Government of India to suspend the Opium sales, while it adopts the obvious method of relieving the congested stocks of the drug in Chinese ports, is also an acknowledgment that the obstructive tactics of the Chinese authorities have prevailed over the "Indian Agriculturist." The practical significance of the announcement is that the Government apprehend that the opium merchants will not be able to dispose of the stocks which they now hold, to the value of £10,000,000, and that in the circumstances it is imprudent to complicate the situation by adding to the accumulations. The opium merchants are naturally elated at the concession which the Government have thus made, and it is to be hoped they are right in their belief that, if no further additions are made to the stocks for the present, they will be able to get rid of their holdings. It is very doubtful, however, whether they are yet out of the wood. According to their contention the present congestion is due to the restrictions placed by the Chinese provincial authorities on the retail trade. There seems to be no likelihood that this obstacle will be removed. Presumably it has been imposed by the Viceroy without the concurrence of the Peking Government and it is not easy, therefore, to apply the necessary pressure to produce the desired effect.

We are willing to believe that President Yuan-Shi-kai and his colleagues are anxious to maintain a good reputation for the Republic, but their control of the provinces seems to be of a shadowy character, and, as the Provincial restrictions on the retail trade, and the connivance of the Viceroy at smuggling, are evidently inspired by the profits which these irregularities yield, it is hardly likely that such fruitful sources of revenue will be readily dropped. The suspension of the opium sales accordingly limits the problem, but does not get rid of the £10,000,000 worth of opium already in hand. Our position is, in fact, embarrassing and undignified. By the terms of the Treaty of 1911, it will be remembered, the opium trade was to come to an end in December, 1917. But, through the unscrupulous manoeuvres of the Chinese, 1913 will almost inevitably see the extinction of the traffic. For, in view of the great uncertainty which overhangs the industry, it is impossible for the Government of India to allow the cultivators of the poppy to continue to grow the crop. By law they can only sell to the Government, and if the Government are unlikely to be in a position to purchase their output, the opium farmers must obviously be warned before they start their sowings in September. This means that cultivation can never be resumed on the old scale. For, if the fact of an accumulation of £10,000,000 worth of opium renders a suspension of sales necessary, common sense forbids the renewal of the sales until the stocks are disposed of. By that time wheat and other crops will have replaced

the poppy, and it would be unjust and impolitic to induce the ryot to return to a crop whose doom is writ. The conclusion is thus inevitable that we have been forced to close down the opium industry before half the stipulated period has run, and are, moreover, left with a huge stock of opium which has yet to be released. For this condition of affairs the Government of India must be held to be in large measure responsible.

When the Treaty of 1911 was negotiated, it was known that stocks of opium to the value of £4,000,000 had accumulated in Chinese ports. The difficulty of disposing of this opium—admitted under Treaty rights—was felt at the time to be a very grave problem, and an arrangement was made whereby a proportion was to be deducted annually from the Indian export, in order to facilitate absorption. Yet, in the face of the embarrassment caused by an accumulation of £4,000,000 worth of opium, the Government of India have been steadily adding to the stocks in hand, throughout the year 1912, until they now stand at their present huge total. Their moral responsibility of the Government is thus serious and we can only hope that they may be as fortunate in meeting this emergency as they have been latterly in coping with other financial difficulties. The high price fixed for a chest of certified opium and reduction in the quantity of uncertified opium offered will doubtless help to ease the situation. When once the price of uncertified opium has been raised to nearly the level of the value of certified chests, the inducements to smugglers will be correspondingly decreased. There can be little question that the supply of uncertified opium has been one of the chief means by which the Chinese authorities have been able to block the sale of the certified Indian drug which has been exported in full conformity with the Treaty.

It is clear, however, that the process of clearance will occupy a long time, and that the Government will be lucky if they can see the end of the accumulated stocks without coming into bitter conflict with the Opium merchants, whose position entitles them to the utmost consideration. Such being the present outlook, we assume that the Budget for 1913-14 will not rely upon any opium revenue from the trade with China. Happily, the Indian finances at the present moment are well able to bear the strain of so material a loss. Every source of revenue is yielding a handsome return, and railways in particular are paying generously, notwithstanding the niggardly treatment they have received. In such a year the fluctuating opium yield, which has perplexed so many Finance Members and has latterly become a gigantic gamble, may well disappear, though it is somewhat disconcerting to British pride to reflect that we have been worsted by Chinese cunning and duplicity on the one hand and the ignorant cant of British Pharisees on the other.

Mr Shewan's Return.

Mr R. Shewan, Messrs. Shewan, Tomes and Co., returns to the Colony on May 10 by the s.s. Montague.

POST-OFFICE.

MAILS ARRIVED TO-DAY.

Shanghai, s.s. Linan.

MAILS VIA SIBERIA.

Left London
Mar. 6
Mar. 7

Left Shanghai
Mar. 22
Mar. 24

MAILS DUE.

Siberian, India, 28th inst.
Am. Tomyo-maru, 28th inst.

The India is expected to arrive here to-morrow, with the London Mails (via Siberia) of Wednesday the 5th and Saturday the 8th inst. The Tomyo Maru, with American Mail is expected to arrive here to-morrow, at 10 a.m.

MAILS CLOSE.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Haiyang, 28th Mar., 9 a.m.

Siam—Per Kamor, 28th Mar., 9 a.m.

Aongay—Per Wingsang, 28th Mar., 9 a.m.

Swatow and Straits—Per Anglin, 28th Mar., 9 a.m.

Swatow and Bangkok—Per Chow-tai, 28th Mar., 9 a.m.

Shanghai, and North China (Europe via Siberia)—Per Assaye, 28th Mar., 9 a.m.

Tientsin—Per Kueichow, 28th Mar., 11 a.m.

Tientsin—Per Chipshing, 28th Mar., 11 a.m.

Amoy, Shanghai and North China—Per Tijiwing, 28th Mar., 11 a.m.

Tsingtau, Chefoo, Newchwang & Chingwantao—Per Ichang, 28th Mar., 11 a.m.

Macao—Per Sui Tai, 28th Mar., 1.15 p.m.

Straits, Ceylon and India via Bombay—Per Saigon-maru, 28th Mar., 5 p.m.

Hoihoi—Per Siam—Per Sexta, 28th Mar., 8 a.m.

Swatow—Per Signal, 29th Mar., 8 a.m.

Haiphong, Pakhoi and Saigon—Per Sungkiang, 29th Mar., 9 a.m.

Japan and Kobe—Per Tjikini, 29th Mar., 9 a.m.

Straits, Burmah, Ceylon, Adelaide, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt, and Europe via Brindisi. (Late Letters 11 a.m. to noon, Extra Postage 10 cents.) (Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail (Extra Postage 10 cents) (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.) The Parcel Mail will be closed on Friday, the 28th Mar., at 5 p.m.—Per India, 29th Mar., 11 a.m.

Philippine Islands—Per Loong-sang, 29th Mar., 1 p.m.

Macao—Per Sui Tai, 29th Mar., 1.15 p.m.

Shanghai and North China (Europe via Siberia)—Per Linan, 29th Mar., 5 p.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per Koerber, 29th Mar., 5 a.m.

Swatow—Per Haimun, 30th Mar., 9 a.m.

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SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVED.

Linan, Br. s.s. 1,352, Williams, 26th Mar.—Shanghai 23rd Mar., Gen.—B. & S.

Taiwan, Br. s.s. 1,140, Jenkyns, 26th Mar.—Saigon 20th Mar., Rice—Chinese.

Telemachus, Br. s.s. 1,562, Fraser, 26th Mar.—Saigon 21st Mar., Rice—Wo Fat Sing.

Misumi Maru, Jap. s.s., Uchikoshi, 26th Mar.—Kwong Yuen 22nd Mar., Stone—Bune.

Orterio, Br. s.s., 4,105, Howie, 26th Mar.—Seattle, Tacoma, and Moji 22nd Mar., Gen.—Bank Line.

Rhesus, Br. s.s., 4,294, Paddle, 26th Mar.—Liverpool and 21st Mar., Gen.—B. & S.

Kueichow, Br. s.s., 1,220, Forsyth, 27th Mar.—Canton 26th Mar., Gen.—B. & S.

Hunan, Br. s.s., 1,246, Speed, 27th Mar.—Canton 26th Mar., Ballast—B. & S.

Chinhua, Br. s.s., 1,349, Benson, 27th Mar.—Canton 26th Mar., Ballast—B. & S.

Saigon Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,311, T. Yamaguchi, 27th Mar.—Moji 22nd Mar., Gen.—O. S. K.

Schwarzburg, Ger. s.s., 3,354, Christiansen, 27th Mar.—Milke 22nd Mar., Gen.—H. A. L.

Petchaburi, Ger. s.s., 1,374, O. Gasenich, 27th Mar.—Bangkok, Rice.—B. & S.

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

Mar. 26.

Banri-maru, for Kobe.

Hsin Chang, for Shanghai.

Rhesus, for Yokohama.

Misumi-maru, for Kwong Yuen.

Tijmah, for Batavia.

Tungus, for Saigon.

Mar. 27.

Phranang, for Saigon.

Rubi, for Cebu.

Sabine Rickmers, for Haiphong.

Yushun, for Shanghai.

Schwarzburg, for Colombo.

Sexta, for Bangkok.

Linan, for Canton.

Kueichow, for Tientsin.

Chihli, for Canton.

Chinhua, for Shanghai.

Saigon Maru, for Bombay.

DEPARTED.

Mar. 27.

Kutsang, for Calcutta.

Ohoyang, for Canton.

Chipshing, for Canton.

Chihli, for Canton.

Signal, for Canton.

Sabine Rickmers, for Haiphong.

Hue, for Haiphong.

Kwongseang, for Shanghai.

Riojun-maru, for Straits.

Rubi, for Philippine Islands.

Tijmah, for Sourabaya.

Phranang, for Saigon.

Yushun, for Shanghai.

Banri-maru, for Kobe.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per s.s. Rhesus, arrived 26th inst., from Liverpool, &c.:—Thomas

Per s.s. Petchaburi, arrived 27th inst., from Bangkok:—Franks, Pirovano

PASSENGERS DEPARTED.

Per s.s. Miyasaki Maru, sailed on 26th inst., for London:—Aldridge, Mrs. T. Mok, Mrs. H. O. Farr

Boonrot, Phrom, P. Mr. & Mrs. Chihli, L. A. Burns

Charon, Scott, Mrs. J. B. Scott, Miss Carroll, F. G. Sin Yuk

Ching Chum, Sin Kun, Toller, Mr. and Mrs. S. Thomson, Mrs. Davis, Dr. & Mrs. W. T. Hall, Mrs. C. S. Tan See-boo

Hall, Master G. Woolley, Eamail, Master Wongse, Jos. Wong Tsung, Hutcheon, Mrs. Master

P. Wada, K. Li Mi-may, Young, Mr. and Mrs. Low Liu-moy, Mrs. Young, Miss Mackinson, Yip, Thos. Master Yung Yue-lun

Mak Bing-cham

SHIPS PASSED THE CANAL.

London, 4th March.

The following vessels have passed the Canal: Bayern, Bena, von Altmarm, Flintshire, Loyat Laomedon.

London, 6th March.

Arrivals from China: Novara.

London, 7th March.

Arrivals from China: Jason, Mishima Maru, Polyphemus.

The following vessels have passed the Canal: Japan, Sunda, Nile, Telemachus, Magellan.

Oysters, Fresh, Fried or Stewed, Fagan Haddock, Kippers &c.

ALEXANDRA CAKE.

WEATHER REPORT.

On the 27th at 11.00.—A depression is still shown to the north-east of Uokkaido. A second depression has formed over S.W. Manchuria.

An area of high pressure stretches from S. China to the Bonins. Pressure is nearly stationary in southern districts.

Variable winds are indicated along the E. coast of China, and moderate N.E. winds over the N. China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District. Forecast.

1 Hongkong and Neighbourhood. E. winds, moderate; fair at first, probably some rain later.

2 Formosa Channel. N.E. winds, strong.

3 South coast of China between H.K. and Lamooks. The same as No. 1.

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China Coast Meteorological Register.

27th March, a.m.

Station. Hour. Barometer. Temperature. Humidity. Wind. Force.

Westook 7 a.m. 29.86 30 30 10 1

Nemuro 6 a.m. 29.35 30 30 10 2

Hakodate 30.01 30 30 10 0

Tokio 30.18 30 30 10 0

Koshi 30.19 30 30 10 1

Nagasaki 30.21 30 30 10 0

K'shima 30.23 30 30 10 0

Oshima 30.24 30 30 10 1

Naha 30.26 30 30 10 1

Ishijima 30.21 30 30 10 1

Bonin Is. 30.21 30 30 10 1

Chefoo 30.21 30 30 10 1

Whalwei 29.80 42 75 30 8

Hankow 30.15 30 30 10 1

Ichang 30.15 30 30 10 1

Kiukiang 30.15 30 30 10 1

Changsha 30.15 30 30 10 1

Shanghai 30.15 30 30 10 1

Gutzlaff 30.15 30 30 10 1

Sharp P. 30.15 30 30 10 1

Amoy 30.15 30 30 10 1

Swatow 30.15 30 30 10 1

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Koshun 30.15 30 30 10 1

P'ores 30.15 30 30 10 1

Canton 30.15 30 30 10 1

H'kong 30.15 30 30 10 1

Gap Rock 30.15 30 30 10 1

Macao 30.15 30 30 10 1

Wuchow 30.15 30 30